

REMARKS

After entry of the above amendments, claims 2-8 and 10-18 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 9 have been canceled. New claims 17 and 18 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the presence of allowable subject matter in claims 2, 3, 7, 10, 11 and 15. Accordingly, claims 2, 7, 10 and 15 have been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. No new matter has been added. Claims 4, 8, 12 and 16 were amended to correct their dependency.

Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as indefinite because the term “multi-dimensional” was allegedly not clearly defined in the application. Applicants note that the term “multi-dimensional” has an ordinary meaning of “relating to or having several dimensions” and agree that the Examiner’s interpretation of the term “multi-dimensional” as applying to second and higher derivatives is correct for the purposes of this application. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 4-6, 8, 9, 12-14 and 16 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by O’Rourke U.S. Patent No. 5,265,011. Because of the claim amendments, this rejection is moot.


In view of the above, each of the claims in this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants solicit early action in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

In the event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing Docket No. 163852021100.

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